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SUBJECT: PRPOSED FREEDOM CARE LEAFLETS

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1. GKR POLITICAL WARFARE AUTHORITIES HAVE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BOTH ENGLISH AND VIETNAMESE-LANGUAGE TEXTS OF FREEDOM CARE LEAFLETS DIRECTLY AFFECTING CAMBODIAN INTERESTS PROPOSED IN PARA 4-6 REFTEL. SINCE, HOWEVER, LEAFLETS PROPOSED REFTEL ARE AIMED AT NVA/VC FORCES LOCATED IN CAMBODIA, CONSIDERATIONS OF OUR POLICY TOWARD VIET NAM MUST, OF COURSE, BE DOMINANT AND WE THEREFORE DEFER TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON.

2. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, OFFER SOME THOUGHTS WHICH AMEMBASSY SAIGON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER. WE DOUBT THAT THE NEWS LEAFLET FORMAT PROPOSED FOR THE SCHLESINGER LEAFLET IN SECRET

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PARA 7B REFTEL, AS WELL AS THE RELEATED NEWS LEAFLET

PROPOSED IN PARA 7C, IS THE MOST EFFICACIOUS WAY OF CON-VEYING INFORMATION ABOUT CLASHES BETWEEN THE VC/NVA AND THE KI. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT SEC. SCHLESINGER IS COMPARATIVELY UNKNOWN TO NVA/VC FORCES AND WOULD NOT. THEREFORE, BE AN ESPCIALLY AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE FOR THEM ON SUCH A SUBJECT-IF, INDEED, ANY HIGH US OFFICIAL WOULD BE SO CONSIDERED. IN ADDITION, WHILE THE VC/NVA/KI FORCES ARE PROBABLY NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT A DISTANCE, WE SEE A RISK IN PRESENTING SPECIFIC IN-FORMATION ABOUT THE CLASHES WHICH MAY, IN SOME CASE, CONFLICT WITH THE READER'S OWN FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE. WE WOULD, IN ANY EVENT, URGE THAT THERE BE NO SUVGESTION OR IMPLICATION--SUCH AS IS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED SCHLESINGER NEWS LEAFLET--THAT THESE CLASHES ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT OR THAT THEY ARE THE RESULT SOLELY OF DISPUTES OVER TERRITORY OR SCARCE RICE SUPPLIES. FOR THIS REASON, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THESE EVENTS COULD BE EXPLOITED MORE CONVINCINGLY AND EFFECT-IVELY BY ADOPTING THE DIRECT, PERSONALIZED, AND LESS FACTUALLY DETAILED FORMAT USED IN MOST STANDARD PSYOPS LEAFLETS.

- 3. IN OUR VIEW, THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES UNDERLYING THE CHILEAN MILITARY COUP ARE TOO COMPLEX TO BE EXPLAINED EFFECTIVELY IN LEAFLET FORM, AND WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT NEWS LEAFLET NO. LDU-0-489 PROPOSED IN PARA 7C SHOULD BE DROPPED.
- 4. WE ASSUME THAT LEAFLETS THAT MENTION US PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THAT COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS ARE CLEARED IN WASHINGTON (STATE, PPOG, ETC.). ENDERS

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